

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John
Station Road

Sunday 09-April-2017

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Jesus was tortured and humiliated by the pride and self-will of people. He accepted this fate so as to overcome human destructiveness. His humble attentiveness to God allows God's power to be active and recreative.



Christ Our Light
Innishmore

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the day an account of the Passion of Jesus is read as we try to listen. We are reminded of the fickle nature of human beings as his friends made promising noises to stand by Jesus but quickly denied him; fell asleep and others ran away. Many of the religious leaders were determined to shut up Jesus by any means at their disposal and this led to the crucifixion and death of Jesus.

The emphasis is on Jesus, the central character of the story. We are reminded of His fidelity, His courage and the goodness of Jesus. Against the darkness of His trial, His rejection, suffering and lonely journey to Calvary is a reminder that evil and wickedness can very easily triumph over goodness. The goodness, dignity and integrity of Jesus stand out in the midst of the mayhem. On the surface, it may seem as a defeat for Jesus. In reality it is a victory, the triumph of good over evil, of love over hate, of light over darkness and life over death.

The Passion is also an account of Jesus' response to what was done to Him. He absorbed all the violence, transformed it and returned it as love and forgiveness. This was the victory of love over the power of destruction. The love poured out of Him when nailed to the cross. To the criminal dying on the cross, Jesus promised "indeed, I promise you" he replied "today you will be with me in paradise Lk 23; 42. "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

May the church strive to be a community of grace, a community inspired by God's mercy and forgiveness.

Happy Easter to all and please make an effort to take part in the ceremonies of Holy week.

George O'Mahony

Reflection for Parents

There is much to reflect on in this reading. One interesting note, however, is the different responses Judas and Peter had when they came face to face with their rejection of Christ. After his three denials, Peter "wept bitterly." These tears of regret led the way to reconciliation when Peter first encountered the risen Christ. Judas, on the other hand, knew what he did was wrong, but he couldn't face the hopelessness his actions brought. To relieve the pain of what he had done, Judas took his own life. Some days it is difficult (even beyond measure) to be a parent. The lesson we learn today is that reconciliation and healing bring us long-term joy instead of living in the harsh bitterness of despair.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

As we begin the week in which Christ suffered, let us pray for our needs to God.

Reader

For Christians: that they may respond with compassion to the sufferings of those around them.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For judges and government leaders: that they may strive to see that justice is done in all cases.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all those who suffer unjustly and for those in pain of any kind.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For each other: that we may be able to unite our sufferings to those of Christ, and so know his power in our weakness.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are suffering the effects of war, famine and persecution in particular the people of Aleppo, Mosul, Nigeria & Sudan.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For ourselves: that our own special needs may have a place within the presence of God.

Lord, Hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest

Father, help us to follow Christ your Son along the road to Calvary so that we may share in his Easter victory. We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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† IN SYMPATHY †

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Eileen Murphy, Inniscarra.
 Noel Horgan, Tipperary.
 Tony Sullivan, Coolroe Heights.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:

Sean Callumb, Cavan / New Jersey.
 Deceased Members of the O'Mahony & Greene Families.
 Tadgh Murphy, Coolroe.
 Michael & Mary Daly, Farranfore.
 Christopher O'Donovan, Castlevew House, Ballincollig.
 Tadgh Kearney, Westcourt Heights/Inchigeela.
 Barry Kelly, The Crescent.
 John Njantah, Cameroon.
 Kitty Murphy, Powdermills/Bishopstown.
 Tom O'Donoghue, Inniscarra View.
 Donnacha Gleeson, Ovens/London.
 Con & Maureen Cremin, Glasheen Road.
 Thomas & Mary O'Donoghue, Firies.
 Tony Allen, Inniscarra View.
 Vincent McLoughlin, Sligo.
 Dan O'Callaghan, Rathard, Aherla.
 Eileen Moore, Dublin.
 Jim & PJ Burke, Glanworth.
 Michael Daly, Blackrock.
 John O'Mahony, Carriganarra.

Bulletin Board

Easter collection for Priests of the Parish

According to the Diocesan custom, the collection at Easter Masses is one of two collections during the year when the offertory collection goes to the priests of the parish

Chrism Mass

Bishop Buckley invites you to the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral on Holy Thursday, April 13th at 10.00 am. It is an occasion of Special thanksgiving as the Oils for the Celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Anointing of the Sick are blessed.

Reconciliation Service

Penitential service in Church of Christ Our Light on Monday 10th April at 7.00 pm. This is an opportunity to gather as a faith community and acknowledge our need of God's forgiveness as we prepare for Easter.

Family Mass

The next Family Mass for children in second class preparing for their first Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 16th April at 11.00am in Church of Christ Our Light. The Parents of children who are seven and eight are asked to bring them to this Mass. Preparation with these children commences in the main body of the church at 10.45am. Small children preschool/infants/1st class retire to the crying room where they celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a child friendly fashion. They will return to the main church at the start of the offertory procession.

Holy Thursday

Volunteers are invited to take part in the washing of the feet at Holy Thursday Mass - Please give your name to the Sacristan.

Good Friday

Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. One of only two days in the year.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Holy Week

09 Sunday Is. 50:4-7. Ps 22. Phil. 2:6- 11. Mt. 26:14-27,66. Lect I: 346

10 Monday Is. 42:1-7. Ps. 26. Jn. 12:1-11 Lect I: 374

11 Tuesday Is. 49: 1-6. Ps. 70. Jn. 13:21-33,36-38. Lect I: 376

12 Wednesday Is. 50:4-9. Ps. 68. Mt. 26:14-25. Lect I: 379

13 Thursday Ex. 12:1-8,11-14. Ps. 115.1 Cor. 11:23-26. Jn. 13:1-15. Lect I: 387

14 Friday Is. 52: 13-53: 12. Ps. 30. Heb. 4: 14-16, 5:7-9. Jn. 18: 1-19:42.

15 Saturday

Next Sunday's Readings 16/April/2017

Acts 10:34, 37-43. Ps. 117. Col. 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-9. Jn. 20: 1-9. Lect I: 417

Bulletin Board (continued)

Envelope Collection

Holy Places (Holy Land) - Good Friday
 The Collection for the Holy Land reminds us of an "ancient" duty, which the history of recent years has made more urgent, but no less a source of joy that comes from helping our brothers.

Holy Week

Is a central week in the Church's year. This week recalls and re-enacts the highpoint in God's love and Jesus revealing Him to us. The most important part of Holy Week for me is when Christ stoops to wash the feet of his friends. The washing of the feet had an unsuspecting depth of meaning. When inspired by love, the least service rendered to one's neighbour takes on an extraordinary dimension; it foreshadows that total sacrifice for which everyone should be prepared. To be truly Christian is a constant effort to become like Jesus. I hope you will be able to join us this year to recall and celebrate Holy Week in our lead in to Easter and the Resurrection.

Stations of the Cross

Preparations are in progress for the outdoor Stations to be held again this year in Ballincollig. It is proposed that the 14 Stations will be held out of doors, with the Stations in various positions in Ballincollig. The aim of having the stations out of doors is to bring the stations to the community which will enable the people of Ballincollig to follow the cross, and become actively involved. Last year many people found it a moving event and we look forward to as many as possible taking part. Please join us at the church of St Mary & St John on Good Friday, April 14th at noon.

Easter Vigil

Parishioners are reminded to bring candles to the Easter Vigil Ceremonies at 7.30 pm in Christ Our Light and 9pm in St Mary & St John on Holy Saturday evening. Please take special care to avoid dripping candle grease on the floor or on the seats.

Confirmation

Congratulations to the Girls who received the sacrament of Confirmation in Scoil Mhuire. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

Fr. George

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

10/Apr/2017 to 16/Apr/2017

Tim Murphy & Siobhan Glavin

Holy Week Ceremonies 9th April to 15th April

| St. Mary & St. John | | |
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| Day | Event | Time |
| Sunday | Normal Masses | 8:30 am, 10 am 12 noon |
| Monday | Normal Masses | 9:30 am |
| Tuesday | Normal Masses | 9:30 am |
| Wednesday | Normal Masses | 9:30 am |
| Holy Thursday | No Morning Mass | |
| | Mass of the Last Supper followed by Adoration & Holy Hour | 8:00 pm |
| | Confessions | 12.00 to 1.00 pm |
| | Confessions | 7.00 to 8.00 pm |
| Good Friday | Stations of the Cross | 12.00 Outdoor & 3.00 pm |
| | Celebration of the Lord's Passion | 8.00 pm |
| | Confessions | After All Ceremonies |
| Holy Saturday | No Morning Mass | |
| | Confessions | 11.30 am to 2.00 pm |
| | Evening Mass | 6.00 pm |
| | Easter Vigil & Mass | 9.00 pm |
| Christ Our Light | | |
| Day | Event | Time |
| Sunday | Normal Masses | 11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm |
| Monday | Normal Masses | 8:30 am & 6:30 pm |
| | Reconciliation Service | 7:00 pm |
| Tuesday | Normal Masses | 8:30 am & 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday | Normal Masses | 8:30 am & 6:30 pm |
| Holy Thursday | No Morning Mass | |
| | Mass of the Last Supper followed by Adoration & Holy Hour | 6.30 pm |
| | Confessions | After 6:30 pm Mass |
| Good Friday | Stations of the Cross | 12.00 (Outdoor) & 3 pm (Children) |
| | Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Including Taize Prayer) | 6.30 pm |
| | Confessions | After All Ceremonies |
| Holy Saturday | No Morning Mass | |
| | Easter Vigil & Mass | 7.30 pm |

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The servant of the Lord was rebuffed but did not turn back; he was beaten and spat upon. The suffering one knew the Lord God was with him.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was in the form of God but did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped at. He emptied himself, took the form of a slave, and was obedient unto death! Therefore, God exalted him, and all proclaim him Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Each year on this Sunday we follow the events of Jesus' life from the time he entered Jerusalem until the point where he was laid in the tomb after his crucifixion. Jesus first entered Jerusalem riding a donkey amid waving palm leaves. It was in Jerusalem that he foretold Judas' betrayal, Peter's denial, and established the Eucharist at the Passover meal. Jesus took his disciples into Gethsemane to pray, but they could not stay awake with him. In the garden, Jesus was turned over to the authorities, tried before the Sanhedrin, brought to Pilate, and sentenced to death. When offered a choice during the festival to release a prisoner, the people chose the release of Barabbas. Their choice was beyond Pilate's comprehension, so he symbolically washed his hands of the whole deal. Jesus was turned over to the Roman authorities for crucifixion and mocked by them. Finally, Jesus died on the cross. The earth darkened and quaked. He was prepared quickly for burial and laid in the tomb.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Apr/15 & Apr/16/2017

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Niamh O'Riordan
Padraig McAuliffe
8:30 am

Tom McDonagh

Sean Casey

10:00 am

Louise McCarthy

Robert Noonan/Declan Crowley

12:00 Noon

Tony Lynch

Shane Tully

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely

11:00 am

Sorcha Nic Mheanmain

Máire Buckley

12:30 pm

Kay Carew

Jane O'Leary

5:30 pm

Kevin Tuohy

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

Sunday

11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm

9:30 am

Monday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am

Tuesday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

9:30 am

Wednesday

8:30 am & 6:30 pm

8:00 pm

Thursday

6:30 pm

8:00 pm

Friday

6:30 pm

6 pm & 9 pm (Vigil)

Saturday

7:30 pm (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass &
before 6:00 pm Mass

Saturday

BAPTISMS

4:30 pm

Saturday

4:30 pm

Except First Saturday of
Month

First Saturday of Month

12:45 pm

Sunday

PARISH CLERGY

Priest on Duty 087-2479140

Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. 021-4871206

Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C. 021-4876171



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Apr/15 & Apr/16/2017

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Bernadette Bell
Betty Casey
Frank Riordan
Siobhan Riordan
Pauline Quane
Aisling Leahy

8:30 am Mary Buckley
Theresa Lucey
Mary B. Murphy

10:00 am Joan Tobin
Betty Flavin
Anne Spillane
Betty Sheehan
Anne O'Connell
Con O'Connell

12 Noon Seamus O'Donovan
Eleanor Knowles
Catherine Greene
Joan Barrett
Frances Hogan
Mary O'Leary

7:30 pm Geraldine Lynch
Charlie Vaughan
Joan Stephenson
Bernie Bowen

11:00 am Neil Jeffers
Eileen O'Donoghue
Padraig Fleming
Hugh / Catherine Mo-
ran
Imelda Power / Martina
Woods

12:30 pm Tom Murray
John O'Regan
Gerard Dunne
Theresa O'Driscoll
Brid Dunne

5:30 pm Bernard Curran
John Canty

Way of The Cross with Trocaire this Lent

12th Station: Jesus dies on the cross

Scripture: 'Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.' (Mark 15:37)

Reflection: We contemplate the starkness of Jesus' death. He was condemned to death; he was tortured and hung on the cross. He breathed his last and died. Unless, the human family changes course, can we expect anything less than death for those condemned to suffer the consequences of climate change? Untimely death is inevitable if we chose not to change.

13th Station: Jesus is taken down from the cross

Scripture: 'Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body.' (John 19:38)

Reflection: There is still not rest in death. The hour of Passover is approaching and Jesus' body must be quickly removed. So too is there haste in the care of bodies when the number of deaths is overwhelming in disasters. There is haste when fleeing on boats where some die on the dangerous journey. There is no time for a proper burial or a proper goodbye.

14th Station: Jesus is placed in the tomb

Scripture: 'So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock.'

Reflection: Jesus had a dignified burial. Joseph of Arimathea had taken care to honour his body. Who are the Josephs of today? It is harsh and sometimes dangerous work for those who must bury the dead from disasters. The images of the countless people who do this noble work are on the evening news. They are unknown faces who provide dignity and decorum in times of sorrow and destruction. We feel gratitude toward them.

15th Station: Jesus rises from the dead

Scripture: 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.'

Reflection: What amazement Mary Magdalene and the other Mary must have experienced. Jesus' death was so real and seemed so final. Yet, why did Jesus die on the cross if not to give us new life and new hope? We are on a critical pilgrimage in this time in history and Jesus' resurrection inspires us to live in a different way. We can choose to take the path of mercy, a new journey of living simply and sustainably so that the earth heals and all of humanity and creation rise again.